MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Patti Harrington

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: February 6, 2009

ACTION: Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Legislative Amendments

Proposal

Background: The USDB Legislative Workgroup presented recommendations to the Board in its September 2008 meeting. Those recommendations have now been submitted to members of the Legislature and staff at the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (OLRGC). The recommendations were considered in drafting the language that would amend current statutory language in the 2009 legislative session.

Proposal: This presentation by staff will share the preliminary USDB amendments drafted by the OLRGC to the Board. The presentation will highlight key points, including sections of the draft legislation that are significant departures from the recommendations supported by the Board in September 2008.

Anticipated Action: It is recommended that the Board take a position that clarifies points of support and concern regarding the USDB legislative proposal.

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